I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (December 21 - 29, 2006)
Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year).
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21/12/2006: Oleh, KD7WPJ, will be active as J6/KD7WPJ from the island of St. Lucia (NA-108, also count for WLOTA LH-0718) between December 21-27th. Look for activity on all bands, QSL via home call. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

22/12/2006: Look for Peter, GW3TJE/p to be active December 22nd from the following summits, located in the Mid Wales region, for the Summits On The Air Award (SOTA): Disgwylfa Fawr (SOTA GW/MW-038, 507m, 2 points, WW Loc. IO82BK) starting at 1100 UTC; and Waun Claerddu (SOTA GW/MW-005, 594m, 2 points, WW Loc. IO82CH) starting around 1400 UTC. Activity will be on 60m SSB, 40m CW and 2 metre SSB. Peter might also try 3.560 MHz CW, if possible. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.[Tnx SOTA U.K.]

23/12/2006: The F6KUQ ARC will be active as HC/p on December 23rd from the Castle of "Le Castra" (DFCF 33-175 for the French Castles Award) in the city of Biganos (CP 33380), Canton [County] of Audenge (DDCF 33-02), Department of Gironde (DDFM 33), Province of Aquitaine (DPF 02). Operators Thierry/F1DHX and Jacques/F1HRU will be active on 80 metres starting around 0700 UTC and then later QSY to 40 metres. QSL via F6KUQ. [Tnx F5NQL]

25/12/2006: Mark, VK2GND, will be active from Tonga (OC-049) as A35GN from December 25th to January 3rd. Suggested frequencies are: 7050, 14195 and 14273 kHz. QSL via VK2GND. [Tnx OPDX]

26/12/2006: Ben, DL7UCX, will be active from Sri Lanka (AS-003, also count for WLOTA LH-0762) as 4S7UCG between December 26, 2006 and January 5, 2007. Activity will be holiday style with focus on 160-30 metre CW. QSL via home call, direct or by the bureau. [Tnx NG3K]

26/12/2006: Ray, AB4YZ/m, plans to run the following U.S. counties on December 26th and 27th - South Carolina: Colleton, Beaufort and Jasper; Georgia: Bryan, Liberty, Long, Wayne, Appling, Jeff Davis, Montgomery, Wheeler, Bacon, Coffee, Atkinson, Berrien, Cook and Lownes; Flordia: Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette and Dixie. Activity will be on the usual county hunter frequencies, both SSB and CW. Send email requests to rcram (at) rbnet.com . QSL via home call. [Tnx County Hunter Web]

26/12/2006: Jeffrey, AF3X/m, will make a one day trip to Kentucky on December 26th and will activate counties on his route on the 20, 30 and 40 metre county hunter frequencies, SSB and CW. He will start very early, probably around 1100 UTC, and ending after dark. Tennessee: Knox, Anderson, Campbell, Scott. Kentucky: McCreary, Wayne, Clinton, Cumberland, (Metcalfe by prior request only), Adair, Russell, Casey, Lincoln, Boyle, Garrard, Jessamine, Woodford, Franklin, (Owen by prior request only), Franklin, Woodford, Scott, Fayette, Bourbon, Clark, Powell, (Estill by prior request only), Wolfe, Lee, Owsley, Jackson, Clay, Leslie, (Perry by prior request only), Leslie, Clay, Laurel, Whitley. Tennessee: Campbell, Anderson, Knox. Lots of miles to cover with almost no time to stop to change antennas, so if you need one of these counties please e-mail Jeffrey in advance so he can

plan to be on a band/mode that works for you. Send e-mail requests to countyhunter *-at-* af3x.us . QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx County Hunter Web]

26/12/2006: Look for Rich, K8HGY/4, to be QRV December 26-30th from the following islands and lighthouses in the State of Georgia: Tybee Island (USi GA-008S, Not IOTA, ARLHS USA-864, WW Loc. EM90NA, Chatham county) and Cockspur Island (USi GA-029S, Not IOTA, ARLHS USA-181, Chatham county). Activity will be on 20 and 40 metres, various times and dates. QSL via USi eQSL, CBA or via the bureau. [Tnx USi]

26/12/2006: Fred, F5OZK, will be signing TM0ZK from Belle Ile en Mer (EU-048, DIFM AT-015, WLOTA LH-0872) between December 26-30th. He will be using a FT1000 and G5RV, with emphasis on the digital modes. QSL via F5OZK (CBA). [Tnx F5NQL]

26/12/2006: Jeff, W9MSE, has a planned trip to North Carolina after Christmas. Dates and route very dependent on weather between Wisconsin and North Carolina. Tentative plans are as follows (CW only) - December 26 in Wisconin: Fond du Lac, Dodge, Washington, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha; Illinois: Lake, Cook, Will, Kankakee; Indiana: Newton, Jasper, White, Tippecanoe, Clinton, Boone, Marion, Shelby, Decatur, Franklin, Ripley and Dearborn; Ohio: Hamilton; Kentucky: Boone, Kenton, Grant, Scott and Fayette. December 27 in Kentucky: Fayette, Clarke, Montgomery, Bath, Rowan, Carter and Boyd; West Virginia: Wayne, Cabell, Putnam, Kanawha, Fayette, Raleigh and Mercer; Virginia: Bland, Wythe and Carroll; North Carolina: Surry, Stokes, Forsyth, Guilford, Chatham, Lee, Harnett and Sampson. Jeff will try to run as many on 30/40/20 CW as possible, however about 550 miles each day, so need to keep moving. He will change order of bands if net is busy when he gets to a county. This is his normal route to visit their daughter and her family. Jeff will be in Sampson county, North Carolina, until about January 3rd or 4th and then will return to Wisconsin, hopefully by a very different route, dependent on weather etc. While in North Carolina Jeff hopes to have one day to go out mobile giving counties, as has been the case for most of the other trips there. Send email requests to w9mse (at) yahoo.com . QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx County Hunter Web]

26/12/2006: Operators Cris/PY7GK, Renner/PY7RP, Ben/PY7VI and Jim/PY7XC plan to be active as ZY6T from Itaparica Island (SA-023), December 26-30th. They intend to be QRV on 17, 20, 30 and 40 metre CW and SSB, using only 100 watts and wire antennas. Itaparica, which in tupi guarani language means "fence of stone", is the largest Brazilian oceanic island with 246 km?. It's really a piece of heaven. QSL direct to PY7GK. Please, no eQSL. [Tnx PT7WA]

27/12/2006: Giancarlo, I0JU, will be IS0/I0JU between December 27, 2006 to January 2, 2007 from Sardinia (EU-024, IIA SD-001, MIA MIS-035, WLOTA LH-1608), grid JN40DN. He will use two stations with sufficient power (600 and 1k on 6m and 2m) to focus on EME and MS. QSL via home call. [Tnx F5NQL]

27/12/2006: Look for Rich, K4FCP/p, to be active from Hunting Island (NA-110, USi SC-003S, Beaufort county), South Carolina, December 27-30th. Activity will be on 20 and 15 metres throughout the day. QSL via K4BMS (QRZ.com). [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

27/12/2006: Toshi, JA8BMK, will be QRV December 27, 2006 to January 8, 2007 as T30XX from West Kiribati (OC-017). Activity will be on all HF bands CW and SSB, spare time operation, using TS-480, FT-897 with Linear Amp, antenna: 14-21-28 3ele yagi, 7-10-18-24 rotary dipole and 75-80-160 Inv V.

QSL direct only to JA8BMK. [Tnx NG3K]

27/12/2006: Members of the Texas Lighthouse Radio Society will activate their club station W5TLH from the Kemah Texas Lighthouse (ARLHS Number Pending; Texas' Newest Lighthouse!) on December 27th (1900-2300z) and December 28th (1500-2100z). Suggested SSB frequencies are: 21240, 14260 and 7260 kHz. The Kemah Lighthouse, completed earlier this year, stands at 144 feet (the tallest in Texas) and is topped by a 3rd order rotating lens. It is reported that the 1000 watt light can be seen for 23 miles. QSL direct to W5TLH, c/o Jim Martin, 637 Newberry Dr., Richardson, TX 75080-5622. For a QSL card use a #10 business size return envelope (SASE). For a QSL card and an unfolded certificate send a 9" x 12" return envelope (SASE). More details available at: www.w5azn.com E-mail: w5azn@arrl.net [Tnx OPDX]

28/12/2006: Look for Take, JS6RRR/JS6, to operate SSB, CW and RTTY on the HF bands from Miyako Island (AS-079, also count for WLOTA LH-0249) from December 28th through January 9th. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425 DX News]

28/12/2006: Heiko/DL3VFN will be signing KP4/DL3VFN from Vieques, Puerto Rico (NA-099, WLOTA LH-2802) between December 28, 2006 and January 1, 2007. The trip is in planning at the present time. QSL via DL3VFN, bureau preferred or direct (Heiko Meier, Rittergutsweg 5, Zwoenitz, D-08297, GERMANY), no e-QSL. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

28/12/2006: Igor, VA3YDX, reports he will operate as VE2IDX or CG2IDX from Bizard Island (not IOTA, QC-027 for the Canadian Islands Award) December 28-30th. His main goal is to participate in the Canada Winter Contest. Look for him on +/- 14260, 3795 and 7260 kHz. QSL direct to VA3YDX. [Tnx 425 DX News]

29/12/2006: Justin/K9MU along with Dave/KC9FQD will activate EN46 as homecall/p from December 29th to January 5th. Their goal is to give EN46 to as many 6m and 2m grid chasers as they can. They will do this by monitoring 50.125 and 144.200 MHz continuously throughout their stay. Modes will be CW, SSB, and FSK441 on both bands. They will utilize a 5-element yagi (18 ft boom) at 30 feet AGL on 6 metres and a 2M12 at 35 feet AGL on 2 metres. An amplifier will provide 300 watts of power on 6m. The team has upgraded their set-up from previous grid expeditions and will now have dual IC-746?s, laptops, and RigBlasters. This will allow them to run/monitor WSJT on 6m and 2m simultaneously. QSL via home calls. [Tnx F5NQL]

29/12/2006: A group of German radio amateurs, namely Bodo/DL3OCH, Ren?/DL2JRM, Dan/DL5SE and Daniel/DL5YWM will be active as W4/homecall from Key West (NA-062, USi FL-040S, Monroe county), Florida, December 29th to January 2nd. Activity will be on 10m-160m with 100 Watts and dipole, CW and SSB on the well know IOTA frequencies. EME (JT65) on 70cm and 23cm might also be possbile. They also plan to operate from a few ARLHS lighthouses and USi islands during that time frame. QSL via home calls. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

04/01/2007: Special event station 8J1BB will be aired January 4-17th for the Bunkyo-city Disaster Prevention (or Bosai) Exhibition. QSL via the JARL bureau. [Tnx JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

07/01/2007: Alex/GM0DHZ will be operating as 3V8SS from Tunisia for five weeks starting January 7th. He will be active holiday-style on 80-10m and possibly 160m, CW and SSB. QSL via home call. [Tnx F5NQL]

07/01/2007: Look for John, VE7JZ/p, to be QRV January 7-20th from Kaien Island (NA-061, BC-005 for the Canadian Islands Award) on 40 and 20 metres only, Usual IOTA frequencies (+/-10 kHz). QSL via home call, direct preferred but bureau ok. [Tnx VE7JZ]

18/01/2007: Members of the ARRM plan to activate S?o Jorge lighthouse (DFP FMA-05 for the Portuguese Lighthouse Award, ARLHS MAD-008, WLOTA LH-0053, WW Loc. IM12LQ) located on the island of Madeira (AF-014) between January 18th and 23rd. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via CS3MAD. [Tnx F5NQL]

21/01/2007: Andrew, G7COD, will be operating from Embudu Island, Maldives (AS-013), for the second time as 8Q7AK from Sunday January 21st to February 2nd. The bands used will be 30/20/17/15 and 12 metres mostly SSB with a little CW. For those that hear me, please spot me on various DX Clusters. For more information about the activation, please check 8Q7AK on qrz.com [Tnx Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

27/01/2007: For the French REF-Cup CW Contest (January 27-28th) Jean Marie, F5NLX, will be active as homecall/p from the Castle of Boigne (DFCF 73-036 for the French Castles Award), Department of Savoie (DDFM 73), Province of Rhone Alps (DPF 22). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

15/02/2007: Look for John, W2GD, to be signing P40W from the island of Aruba (SA-036, also count for WLOTA LH-0033) during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 17-18th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. John will be active on 160 metres a couple of days prior to the contest. QSL via N2MM. [Tnx NG3K]

15/02/2007: During and around the Antarctic Activity Week 2007, the Provins ARS (F6KOP) members will use the special call sign TM0TAF on all bands HF, VHF and UHF and all modes, CW/SSB and various digitals from February 15-28th. The WAP reference issued is WAP 43. QSL via F4TTR (QRZ.com and other CBA) either direct (SAE+IRC/2007) or via the French REF-Union bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

17/02/2007: Operators Nick/F5VIH (SV3SJ), Philippe/F6IFY and Patrick/F6IRF will be QRV from Morroco as CN2WW for the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 17-18th) as a Multi-Op/Single-Transmitter entry. QSL via EA7FTR direct, bureau or LoTW. [Tnx NG3K]

24/02/2007: Peter, W2IRT/C6A and Tom, N2YTF/C6A will be QRV between February 24th and March 2nd from Nassau, New Providence (NA-001, also count for WLOTA LH-1115). Look for them in SSB/CW/RTTY, mostly on 17, 20 and 40, but they will try the higher bands if propagation allows. N2YTF may be doing some satellite and HF-QRP work as well. This is a part-time vacation-style operation. QSL via W2IRT (see QRZ.com). Logs will also be uploaded to LoTW upon their return. [Tnx NG3K]

03/03/2007: John, KK9A, will be signing P40A from the island of Aruba (SA-036, also count for WLOTA LH-0033) for the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 3-4th) as a Single-Op/All Band entry. QSL via WD9DZV. [Tnx NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

14/12/2006: German U-boats on the air - In 1850, the first submarine ever built in Germany, the so called 'Brandtaucher' (incendiary diver) took to the ocean depths. Now, after stopovers at various museums, the world's oldest remaining submersible boat has a permanent stay at the Museum of Military History in Dresden. Some 56 years later, submarine 'U 1' was the

first standard submarine of the Imperial German Navy. She was built at Kiel and commissioned on December 14, 1906. 'U 1' served as a training and experimental boat during World War I, not involved in any fighting action. At the end of the war she was disassembled and taken by rail to Munich, where 'U 1' is on view still today (www.deutsches-museum.de/en/). From December 14, 2006 until December 13, 2007 inclusive, you will have the chance to get a special QSL card of the special event station DA0UBOOT (MF 996). In addition, the submarines 'U 995' DL0DMB and 'Wilhelm Bauer' DL0MFK are going to be activated by MF-Runde throughout this event year. For more details concerning this new award please see:
www.marinefunker.de/eng/show.php3?pos=5#UBOOT [Tnx Southgate ARC]

23/12/2006: To celebrate their 60th Diamond Anniversary, the International Shortwave League (ISWL) will be QRV December 23rd, 24th and 25th as GB6SWL from Bagulay, Manchester. Ron, G6BMY, will be the main operator. QSL via: The ISWL QSL Bureau (G6XOU), Belle Fleurs, 18 Wade Reach, Walton on the Naze, Essex, CO14 8RG England. [Tnx Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

24/12/2006: CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM SAQ - SAQ (www.alexander.n.se/), the fameous 17.2 kHz Grimeton station (on the UNESCO World Heritage list since 2004), will be transmitting in CW with the old Alexanderson alternator on Sunday 24th December 2006 at 0800 UTC. QSL reports can be given via E-mail to info@alexander.n.se or via the SM bureau or direct by mail to: Alexander - Grimeton Veteranradios Vaenner, Radiostationen, Grimeton 72, S-430 16 Rolfstorp, Sweden. Note: SAQ is now a member of the Swedish Amateur Association (SSA) and "QSL via bureau" is OK. [Tnx UBA HF News]

26/12/2006: To celebrate their 60th Diamond Anniversary, the International Shortwave League (ISWL) will be QRV December 26th and 27th as GB6SWL from St. Sampson, Guernsey. Lionel, MU0GSY, will be the main operator. QSL via: The ISWL QSL Bureau (G6XOU), Belle Fleurs, 18 Wade Reach, Walton on the Naze, Essex, CO14 8RG England. [Tnx Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]
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SILENT KEY -
WA4JTK, Alan Strauss, passed away on Sunday December 17th reports his daughter Eileen Burkholder. He had been suffering from bone cancer for some time. Alan started the 247 DX Net (http://www.247dx.net/) in 1990. Over the years he was the QSL manager for several stations including: 7Z1AC, 8P6ET, 9K2MU, 9Y4SF, FM5GU, VP5VAC, VQ9GB and YI1DZ. Alan will be missed. Our condolences to his family and friends. [Tnx K4WSB]
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Antarctic Challenge
The first temporary results of the Antarctic challenge are available on the "AC" web page at: f6kdf.ath.cx/f5nod/index.htm [Tnx F5NQL]

The Argentine icebreaker "Almirante Irizar" LU2AIB/MM will partcipate in the opening of the following summer camp stations:
Primavera: LU2ZD December 13th
Petrel: LU1ZR December 27th
Matienzo: LU1ZAB January 3th
Decepcion: LU1ZC Juanary 14th
Melchior: LU1ZB by the "Puerto Deseado" polar ship LU4ARA/MM, no specific dates have been received yet. [Tnx F5NQL]

Japanese IOTA Islands Award Activity Year 2007
At it's 5th anniversary, J.I.I.A. issues a special event award. From January 1 to December 31, 2007.

On all licenced amateur bands and modes, JA amateur stations operating from an Island will sends the JIIA number in order to give the participants the chance to accumulates points. (each contact, same band, same mode is considered one contact which will be valid to get the Special Award of the JIIA Activity Year 2007.
Each QSO with stations operating from JIIA Islands = 1 point.
Certificate or plaque will be issued to any Amateur who confirms two-way QSO's with JA Amateur stations within the period given above.
At least 10 points must be made by contacts with JIIA Islands.
Outside JA applicants must possess the QSLs. GCR list before the end of Dec 31 2007 and a fee of 5IRCs.
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E-mail: ji6kvr (at) dance.ocn.ne.jp
Web: www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage61.htm [Tnx F5NQL]</p>

Just a last minute reminder that the 3 Steve's (Steve-KF2TI, Steve-N2IFA, Steve-KB2ENF and Kurt-W2MW, aka Steve) will be guest op'ing at the ARRL station, W1AW, Wednesday December 27, from 1700 - 2045 UTC.
This is our 14th annual WAS DX-pedition to Newington and we will be operating the following bands:
30M CW (Kurt aka Steve) 15, 20 and 40M SSB (Steve, Steve and Steve) A 4th operator Andrew-N2IFB will try his hand on 6M SSB.
Depending on condx, we will hope to try 10M SSB as well as listening for contacts outside the US. Packet spots will be posted.
If you work any 3 operators, we will send you a beautiful, full color WAS (Worked All Steve's) certificate (suitable for framing). No QSL is needed, as we will have copies of the log and send out a certificate to all those who qualify. The logs will be posted after January 1st on our website:
http://3stevesandkurt.dynu.com/
This is not an officially sanctioned ARRL event. It is run for fun by the 3 Steve's and a Kurt Amateur Radio Association - WK3SS (all rights reserved) and we are responsible for the printing and sending of the 3 Steve's and a Kurt Worked All Steve's certificate (suitable for framing).
We would like to thank the ARRL for allowing us to play with their great toys and putting up with us each year. Hope to work you then.
73, Steve-KF2TI
PS: We hope to have the 3 Steves/KP2 certificates and cards out very soon. We apologize for the delay.

The FCC has released its Report & Order detailing its decision to eliminate all Morse code testing from the amateur radio licensing process and to give to all Technicians the limited HF privileges previously given only to Novices and Technicians who had passed a 5 word-per-minute code test. The changes in Docket 05-235 will become effective 30 days after the new rules are published in the Federal Register. That usually takes about a month after a Report & Order is released, meaning the effective date will most likely be in mid-to-late February, 2007.
The complete text of the Report & Order in online at the FCC's website. It may be accessed at:
hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-178A1.pdf (PDF format)
or
hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-178A1.doc (Word format)
[Tnx CQ Newsroom]

Slow net for newcomers in CW from the Straight Century club -

Future traffic handlers, MSN has moved to 3563 kHz. The 10 wpm slow net
still meets daily at 7:30 pm EST. Right now, thats 0030z. All are welcome!
Great CW fun and nice ops. [Tnx K4OSO & F5NQL]

F6CTE MultiPsk software -
A lot of new items have been added. More than 40 numeric modes are now
supported and a lot of other functions had been added to the MultiPSK,
multi-modes software written by Patrick. Don't forget to have a look at:
f6cte.free.fr. or on the Earl's, N8KBR mirror site:
multipsk.eqth.org/index.html (click on "United States"). [Tnx F5NQL]
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I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2007!
73 and Good Hunting!
Dave - VA3RJ
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Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations
Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html
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